

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Under the construction described above, when the starter motor 12 of the engine starting apparatus 10 rotates in order to start the engine 20, the rotation is converted to the rotations of the starter gear 111, the driven gear 122, the one-way clutch ~~141~~, 140, the intermediate gear 130, and the crank gear 150, and transmitted to the crank shaft 151. By the rotation of the crank shaft 151, the engine 20 starts. The direction of the rotation of the engine 20 at this time is the normal direction of the engine 20.